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SUBJECT: PASCAL ALLENDE AND MARY ANN BEAUSIRE

REF: SANTIAGO 0549,

1. FONMIN FACIO TOLD ME YESTERDAY, JANUARY 22, THAT HE HAS ASKED CHILE NOT TO REQUEST FORMALLY THE EXTRADITION OF PASCAL ALLENDE AND BEAUSIRE. FACIO CONSIDERS THE CASE FOR EXTRADITION WEAK AND THEREFORE UNLIKELY TO PROSPER. MOREOVER, HE SAID, THE GOCR DOESN'T WANT TO KEEP THE TWO FUGITIVES HERE WHILE THE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS FOR EXTRADITION ARE PENDING BECAUSE OF THEIR DISRUPTIVE INFLUENCE. THE CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO COSTA RICA AGREES WITH THIS POSITION, ACCORDING TO FACIO, AND IS PRESUMABLY URGING HIS GOVERNMENT NOT TO PRESS FOR EXTRADITION.

2. FACIO ADDED THAT IF EXTRADITION IS NOT FORMALLY REQUESTED, PASCAL ALLENDE AND BEAUSIRE WILL PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO MEXICO AND CUBA.

3. LOCAL PRESS TODAY CARRIED FACIO'S STATEMENT THAT CHILE HAS NOT YET REQUESTED EXTRADITION FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF SAFE CONDUCTS. HE EXPLAINED TO PRESS THAT IF CHILE DOES REQUEST EXTRADITION, THE ASYLEES COULD BE DETAINED
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HERE FOR UP TO SIXTY DAYS WHILE THE COURTS DECIDE.

4. FACIO GAVE ME IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE A COPY OF HIS PERSONAL LETTER OF JANUARY 16 TO CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER APPEALING FOR RELEASE OF THE TWO ASYLEES. HIS PRINCIPAL ARGUMENTS WERE THAT CHILE FAILED TO MAKE CLEAR CASE THAT THEY WERE ONLY COMMON CRIMINALS, AND THAT CONTINUED DELAY WAS PLAYING INTO HANDS OF CHILE'S (AND FACIO'S) POLITICAL ENEMIES IN COSTA RICA AND ELSEWHERE. COPIES OF LETTER WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT AND SANTIAGO. PLEASE PROTECT.
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